

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MATT MCCANN**, on February 16, 2001 at 8:15 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Matt McCann, Chairman (D)
Sen. Tom A. Beck (R)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jane Hamman, OBPP
Andrea Hyatt, Committee Secretary
Brian McCullough, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:
Executive Action: HB 9

Brian McCullough, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD), provided the committee with an updated Grant List. **EXHIBIT(jlh39a01)**

CHAIRMAN MCCANN called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 9

CHAIRMAN MCCANN entertained a motion to pass HB 9.

Motion: REP. KASTEN moved to pass HB 9 with an amendment to reduce the general fund by \$76,425.00 which he presented to the committee. **EXHIBIT(jlh39a02)**

Discussion:

REP. KASTEN discussed the reason for the amendment. SEN. BECK questioned if it cut in to the grants; it did not. Other members had questions and clarifications were discussed on the intent of the amendment.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 36}

Motion/Vote: REP. KASTEN moved TO ADOPT THE AMENDMENT TO REDUCE GENERAL FUND BY \$76,425.00. BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. KASTEN moved that HB 9 PASS AS AMENDED. Motion passed 5-1 with Vick voting no.

CHAIRMAN MCCANN closed HB 9 and opened discussion on HB 11.

Brian McCullough, LFD, provided the committee with a list of the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) Grant Recommendations, indicating on page two the impact of the proposal by Budget Director Swysgood that would result in the cut off starting at Project No. 27. **EXHIBIT(jlh39a03)** He then provided the committee with a copy of the Table 3 Treasure State Endowment Program Fund Balance Projection 2003 Biennium. **EXHIBIT(jlh39a04)** He discussed the details. Jim Edgcomb, Department of Commerce-TSEP, also provided a sheet for the TSEP Funds Projected For The 2003 Biennium. **EXHIBIT(jlh39a05)** The committee discussed the funding and the cut off projects. REP. VICK discussed an emergency funding amendment; Jim Edgcomb provided further background information.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 319}

Brian McCullough, LFD, provided a draft amendment for HB 11 for committee members to review. **EXHIBIT(jlh39a06)** The purpose of this amendment would reflect the reduced funding available to the Treasure State Endowment due to the reduction in the Coal Severance Tax interest revenue allocated to the Treasure State Endowment. This reduction occurred due to the retroactive reduction in the allocation of Coal Severance Tax payments to the Treasure State Endowment Trust. This amendment would be considered after the Committee Bill is accepted and would make HB 11 in sync. Further discussion, questions and answers were

provided to the committee. **Jim Edgcomb, DOC-TSEP**, clarified the ranking of projects.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMITTEE BILL

Motion/Vote: REP. VICK moved TO PASS ON COMMITTEE BILL. Motion passed 3-2 with McCann and Tester voting no.

Discussion:

The committee discussed the bonding in connection with Department of Corrections. **Jane Hamman, OBPP**, clarified and explained the funding and the decision made. **REP. TESTER** questioned further how they were transferring funds for bonding. **Jane Hamman, OBPP**, discussed the process and her concerns for more detail on how the transfers were made.

Jane Hamman, OBPP, discussed revenue estimates and effects on the boot camp and cigarette tax. Also, she provided a handout entitled Montana Public Broadcasting System (MTPBS) from Joan Kaufman. **EXHIBIT(jlh39a07)** The committee discussed the importance of the project and effects for the state. **CHAIRMAN MCCANN** and **REP. VICK** discussed the importance of including language that would allow the state to use some of the frequency when it becomes available. The committee had further discussion.

Meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:10 A.M.

REP. MATT MCCANN, Chairman

ANDREA HYATT, Secretary

MM/AH

EXHIBIT (j1h39aad)